

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3137 - SB 3173**

February 8, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and local governments to advertise transportation enhancement grants for bids on the Department or local government Web sites in lieu of newspaper advertisements.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease Local Expenditures – \$7,600**

Assumption:

- Thirty-five transportation enhancement grants are awarded each year.
- Grants are advertised only by local governments.
- A survey of newspapers across the state revealed the average cost to advertise in a newspaper is \$108.00. Advertisements must be issued two weeks prior to receiving bids.
- Local governments will advertise grants once each week during a two-week period to meet advertising requirements resulting in a cost of \$216.00 (\$108 x 2 advertisements) for each transportation enhancement grant awarded by TDOT.
- No significant cost for local governments to advertise on their websites. Publishing bid advertisements electronically on local or TDOT Web sites will result in a decrease in local expenditures of \$7,560.00 (35 grants x \$216.00).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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